

As a resident of the state of CT for over 30 years, I have raised a family here and have two children that have gone through the public school system. Gun violence has been a concern of ours for many years, and the recent tragic events at Newtown's Sandy Hook School have put this issue in sharp focus.

We in this State have been far too cavalier in the proliferation of guns. The ease of which Adam Lanze was able to get hold of such devastating weapons to do his perverse killing is astounding. It points out that the current gun laws are inadequate in making sure that these types of weapons do not fall into the wrong hands.

These assault weapons are not needed for self-defense or hunting or sport. They only present a huge risk to the lives and safety of our children and our citizens. They must be banned from sale in our State.

When you speak of upholding rights under the constitution, one must also consider our rights to Life and Liberty. Surely those rights must supersede one's desire to pursue a violent hobby that puts the public at such risk.

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